

the United States Women's National Soccer Team game against Mexico in my home State of New Jersey, at the Vikings stadium in front of tens of thousands of people, on the USS Arizona Memorial to commemorate the 74th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and nursing homes nationwide and so many more. Pete touched so many Americans.

As we mourn the loss of Harmonica Pete, we pray for his five children; Michael, James, Robert, Pierre, and Mary Ann; his late wife, Jane; and his grandchildren; and all the friends and family he touched.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Pete DuPre.

SENIOR CITIZENS WANT TO WORK

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage the body to pass the Senior Independence Act.

When I was back home over the last week, as I toured my businesses, wherever I went—be it in agriculture, tourism, transportation, manufacturing, or retail—businesses all had the same problem. They couldn't find enough people to work. They suggested I look at a change in Social Security law.

Social Security is great, but currently under Social Security law—and kind of a mistake that Franklin Roosevelt made in the original way it was proposed—as soon as you make \$19,500, you wind up losing a dollar for every additional \$2 you earn. This is causing people who would like to work more to stop working because the tax rate is just too high.

It is time to pass the Senior Independence Act and move toward the point where you can make up to \$30,000 before they take away your money, allowing more independence for our seniors and more labor for our businesses.

AMERICA COMPETES ACT LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound appreciation that the House is expected to consider this week H.R. 4521, the America COMPETES Act of 2022.

Indiana's First Congressional District is home to an incredible manufacturing, steel, and industrial workforce. These workers can compete with anyone in the world. When they are provided with a level playing field, they can thrive in our global economy.

I am pleased that the America COMPETES Act will take historic strides to defend the American worker, our manufacturing base, and grow our economy.

Together we can take action in this legislation to address supply chain vulnerabilities, increase the production of

American-made semiconductors, and improve our ability to defend against illegally traded goods.

I commend all the leaders for advancing this legislation, and I look forward to its prompt consideration on the House floor.

REMEMBERING VICTORIA SANDS DIXON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TORRES of New York). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to be here tonight. It is actually bittersweet because we are here to honor a friend, a long-time friend to many, even to some sitting here in this institution because Vicki Dixon was an institution here in Washington, D.C.; not in a bad way, but in a way where she touched so many lives in such a positive manner.

I am going to go ahead and save my comments about Vicki until later because we have got some friends that got to know Vicki over the years like I did, and got to not only become friends but just to see the wholesome, genuine, kind individual that Victoria Sands Dixon was.

Her career was encapsulated by helping so many people here in Congress get things done, and her passing is bittersweet to all of us.

One good friend of Vicki and a very good friend of mine is the ranking member on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST).

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend RODNEY DAVIS for yielding time to me and for organizing this Special Order.

Tonight you are going to hear several words from our colleagues that will echo the same resounding words, and, that is, Vicki Dixon should be recognized for all that she did in her life. But most of all, she was kind. She was a friend.

When the delegation got together, she was always there to welcome newcomers to D.C. that she may have known from a time in Illinois.

She dedicated her life to serving our country, which she loved deeply. In her 30-plus years here in Washington, D.C., she worked for several Members of Congress as well as seven Cabinet Secretaries.

Vicki will be deeply missed by those of us who knew her, whether in Illinois, Washington, or Florida, where she just retired to in the fall. She left our Capitol community and our Nation better off than it was before. She was loved. She will be missed tremendously.

When the Illinois delegation got together over at the club, it was always amazing how quick she would come up to greet everyone, show friendship and

kindness, give you some advice now and again on how to deal with this place, as crazy as it is at times.

Both Tracy and I send our prayers to her mother, Peggy; her sister, Kristi; and all of her many nieces and nephews; and we want to say a special thank you for how she has touched each one of our lives.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend Mr. BOST for those heartfelt words.

I now yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD), another good friend of Vicki.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I echo the comments of both Congressman BOST and Congressman DAVIS. It is bittersweet to be here tonight to honor the life of Vicki Dixon, who was a friend to many in Illinois and here in Washington, D.C.

Vicki passed away too early, but I am glad we have the opportunity tonight to pay tribute to her wonderful career, her generosity, and her support of so many.

I thank you, Congressman DAVIS, for organizing this Special Order.

When you think about Vicki Dixon and her career, you can't help but think about Illinois. She was a native of Shelbyville, Illinois. Vicki felt a call to service at a very young age. From 1979 to 1989, Vicki worked for former Illinois Congressman Dan Crane and then went on to work for Mr. Derwinski at the Department of Veterans Affairs before serving at the Interior Department until she retired in 2016. She served many different Secretaries at the Department of the Interior.

Vicki was a proud Illinois Republican, and she always supported the party back there and many of our candidates and elected officials. Vicki was integral in the development of something called the Lincoln Series. The Lincoln Series was a leadership program for young Republican women in Illinois dedicated to increasing the number of young Republican women serving in government and political positions. That Lincoln Series would not have happened without Vicki Dixon.

There are many people that graduated from the Lincoln Series, so we owe a debt of gratitude to so many people that Vicki helped touch by that program. It was just one of many things that Vicki did that was impactful on so many different folks.

Vicki was known to many of us here in the Halls of Congress for her work specifically at the Department of the Interior and the Capitol Hill Club.

Many of us got to know Vicki. Vicki was very involved with the Capitol Hill Club and many of our activities over there. Vicki was always kind and generous, had a smile on her face, and was willing to help.

Vicki will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her here in D.C. and, of course, back home in Illinois. My prayers remain with Vicki's family. May she rest in peace.